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WELSH ATHLETICS
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International Representative Junior Cross Country and Road 2021-2022

Overview

The overall objective of the **Junior Cross Country and Road International Competitions Programme** is to support young athletes to experience high level competition and aspire to perform at their best against athletes across the UK and abroad.

Athlete Eligibility

To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following:

1. Be eligible to compete for Wales by either:
 - a. Birth
 - b. Parentage
 - c. Retention
 - d. Residence (minimum 2 years, and not having competed for another nation in the previous 12 months)

Liverpool Cross Challenge – Sefton Park, Liverpool – Saturday 27th November 2021

Welsh Athletics will select to compete:

- Up to four U20 Men and up to four U20 Women
- Up to four U17 Men and up to four U17 Women

There is no obligation to fill all positions.

Selection Process

The selection meeting will take place on **Monday 15th November 2021**. The International Match Selection Panel will comprise of voting members from the Welsh Athletics Performance Team; the team manager and 2 individuals nominated by the Road and Cross-Country Committee

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Automatic selection will be awarded to the **first 2 finishers** in each age group race at the Cardiff Cross Challenge on **Saturday 16th October 2021**. A further two athletes will be selected in each age group at the discretion of the Selection Panel based on current form around the time of selection.

Should any of the automatically selected athletes decline their place on the team, there will be no further automatic selections.

Equality Statement

Welsh Athletics is committed to offering equal opportunities to all athletes in Wales. Any Welsh athlete is eligible to be selected and will be considered as part of the selection process, providing they have achieved all that is laid out within this selection policy. Welsh Athletics will not discriminate in the selection of any athlete on the basis of any protected characteristic.

Appeals Process

There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the Welsh team made by the Panel.

De-Selection Process

De-selection of an athlete may occur following;

1. Failure to achieve the standard fitness testing protocols
2. Failure to adhere to the Welsh Athletics athlete code of conduct

In the event that an athlete sustains an injury following acceptance of their position on the team, they are required to inform the Team Leader immediately.

Amendment

Welsh Athletics reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy at its sole discretion and will make any amended version publicly available (including the date on which the amendment was made) at www.welshathletics.org